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SUBJECT: SECURITY PROTECTION AFFORDED PUBLIC ACCESS
AREAS AT OVERSEAS POSTS

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1. THE POST HAS TAKEN BROAD STEPS TO IMPROVE SECURITY DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE CONTROL OF ACCESS TO THE CHANCERY, INCLUDING THE CONSULAR SECTION, AND THE USIS FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE ANNEX ATTACHED. BARRICADES AND ACCESS CONTROL DOORS ALSO HAVE BEEN INSTALLED TO PROVIDE GENERAL CONTROL OVER VISITORS IN THE PUBLIC AREAS ON OTHER FLOORS OF THE CHANCERY AND ANNEX.

2. THERE ARE SEVERAL PROJECTS WHICH HAVE BEEN FUNDED AND ARE IN PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION WHICH WILL FURTHER ENHANCE THE SECURITY POSTURE OF THE POST.

A. REMOVAL OF THE LARGE GLASS WINDOWS AND DOORS FROM THE FRONT OF THE CHANCERY AND USIS LIBRARY AND THEIR REPLACEMENT WITH MASONRY WALLS AND HEAVY WOODEN ACCESS DOORS WHICH ARE IN FULL VIEW AND CONTROL OF THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD WILL PROVIDE EXCELLENT CONTROL OVER AND PROTECTION FOR THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING. THE MARINE SECURITY
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GUARD ALSO HAS THE BENEFIT OF CCTV AND MONITOR TO AID IN CONTROL DURING NON-DUTY HOURS. FURTHER, THE GUARD WHO IS STATIONED BEHIND A SPECIALLY CONSTRUCTED ANTI-TERRORIST DESK WILL

BE MOVED FORWARD IN THE LOBBY WHERE HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO VIEW AND CONTROL ALL VISITORS TO THE MAIN CHANCERY, THE CONSULAR SECTION AND THE USIS LIBRARY. HE WILL BE ASSISTED AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE, AS AT PRESENT, BY CIVILIAN CONTRACT GUARDS WHO IMPLEMENT PACKAGE CONTROL AND SEARCH PROCEDURES.

B. ALSO APPROVED AND FUNDED, BUT NOT YET COMPLETE, IS INSTALLATION OF A DROP BAR AT THE REAR OF THE CHANCERY TO ASSIST THE CIVILIAN GUARD IN CONTROLLING VEHICLE TRAFFIC AND ACCESS TO THE GARAGE OF THE CHANCERY.

3. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, PLANS AND ESTIMATES OF COST ARE BEING DEVELOPED FOR THE REDESIGN OF THE WAITING AND COUNTER AREA OF THE CONSULAR SECTION TO PROVIDE BETTER CONTROL OVER CLIENTLE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT IS PLANNED THAT TELLER-TYPE WINDOWS WILL BE ERECTED TO SEPARATE VISITORS FROM CONSULAR PERSONNEL. PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES WILL BE FORWARDED BY OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM WHEN COMPLETE.

4. USIS FACILITIES HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN ALL ACCESS CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR THE CHANCERY. IN ADDITION, PARTICULAR ATTENTION HAS BEEN PAID TO THE U.S. CULTURAL CENTER IN JERUSALEM WHICH NOW HAS A REASONABLE ACCESS PROCEDURE CARRIED OUT BY THE CONTRACT CIVILIAN SECURITY GUARD. THE LOBBY OF THE CENTER IS EQUIPPED WITH A DECORATIVE STEEL GRILL SLAM GATE TO SEAL OFF THE LIBRARY IN THE EVENT OF EMERGENCY. IN ADDITION, THE BUSINESS OFFICES HAVE BEEN EQUIPPED WITH STEEL REINFORCED DOORS TO AFFORD A DEGREE OF PROTECTION TO EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE AREA.

5. CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION ALSO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO PROTECTION OF PERSONNEL IN THEIR HOMES. WHERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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NECESSARY, SECURITY GRILLS, DEADBOLTS AND AN ASSORTMENT OF LOCKS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED.

6. PARTICULAR ATTENTION HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO THE SECURITY OF THE OFFICIAL RESIDENCE WHICH NOW IS WELL PROTECTED BY ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CCTV AND THE POSTING OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS DURING THE NIGHT. THE INSTALLATION OF AN OFF-PREMISES TELEPHONE EXTENSION FROM THE CHANCERY SWITCHBOARD HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AND WILL PROVIDE MORE RAPID CONTACT WITH THE CHANCERY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY.

7. UPON COMPLETION OF THE PROJECTS CITED IN 2 A
ABOVE, I FEEL THE POST WILL HAVE TAKEN ALL
REASONABLE STEPS TOWARD ADEQUATELY CONTROLLING
PHYSICAL ACCESS OF OFFICIAL PREMISES.
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